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SUBJECT: RECENT TALK WITH SADAT

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1. AM CONVEYING SUBSTANCE PARA 2 REF A TO FONMIN KAMEL, HOPEFULLY TOMORROW, WITH REQUEST THAT HE INFORM SADAT. AS REPORTED ELSEWHERE, I HAVE ASKED TO SEE SADAT WEDNESDAY AND PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR HASSAN KAMEL IS ATTEMPTING ARRANGE THIS. I ALSO TALKED TO VP MUBARAK BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO BE SURE THAT HE BRIEFS ME AFTER HIS RETURN TUESDAY LATE AFTERNOON.

2. RE PARA 3 REF A, I WOULD NOT SAY THAT SADAT WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROSPECT OF EXCHANGING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AS POSSIBLE NEW TRACK ON WHICH NEGOTIATIONS COULD MOVE AND HOPE THAT REFTEL B DID NOT SO SUGGEST. SADAT DESCRIBED DAYAN TACTIC IN TRYING TO DROP DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AS "SLY" AND GAVE HIS INSTRUCTIONS IN THAT CONTEXT. SADAT WAS ALSO VERY AWARE THAT ISRAELIS ARE SEEKING TO REGAIN PUBLIC RELATIONS INITIATIVE AND WANTS TO BE PREPARED TO COUNTER THIS. ON BASIS LAST  
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TALK, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT HE DID NOT DEMUR, BUT MUCH WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON POSITIVE ISRAELI RESPONSE TO OUR TWO QUESTIONS.

3. ISRAELIS HAVE, OF COURSE, WIDELY PUBLICISED DAYAN'S VIEW THAT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE DROPPED AND WEST BANK/GAZA DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE BETWEEN ISRAEL

AND EGYPT. THIS PUBLICITY MAKES IT A BIT DIFFICULT FOR SADAT AND MUCH WILL DEPEND UPON WHAT SAUDIS AND HUSSEIN SAY TO MUBARAK. FONMIN KAMEL CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES SHOULD PRECEDE SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON WEST BANK/GAZA AND MAY BE EXPECTED ARGUE THIS POINT. I HAVE NOT HAD ANY IMPRESSION THAT SADAT'S TALK WITH WEIZMAN AND BARAK HAVE HAD VERY MUCH EFFECT ON SADAT. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD NOTE THAT HE SEEMS TO HAVE PROMISED NUMAYRI THAT THERE WILL BE NO DIRECT EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI MEETINGS IN EGYPT BETWEEN NOW AND WHENEVER AN ARAB SUMMIT TAKES PLACE. FAILURE OF NUMAYRI EFFORT, IF THIS IS INDEED THE CASE, COULD EASILY CAUSE THIS DECISION TO BE REVERSED. I WILL TRY TO SOUND HIM OUT A BIT MORE AT WEDNESDAY'S MEETING, BY WHICH TIME HE WILL HAVE DONE A LITTLE MORE THINKING ABOUT THE MATTER.

4. AS OF NOW I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SADAT HAS CHANGED HIS VIEW RE SCENARIO TIMEFRAME DISCUSSED DURING MEETING WITH ATHERTON APRIL 23. IN ANSWER MY QUERY, HE DID SAY THAT AS OF THAT TIME HE WANTED TO GO AHEAD ON TIMETABLE WE HAD DISCUSSED. IF, HOWEVER, NUMAYRI'S EFFORTS WERE SUCCESSFUL, HE MIGHT WANT TO DELAY THINGS A BIT MORE. SAID HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BE MORE DEFINITIVE WHEN MUBARAK GETS BACK.

5. I AGREE ENTIRELY THAT WE SHOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING  
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WHICH WOULD DISCOURAGE SADAT FROM TAKING POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD DAYAN IDEAS, IF HE IS SO INCLINED, BUT WE SHOULD NOT ON BASIS PRESENT EVIDENCE DRAW CONCLUSION THAT HE IS SO INCLINED. I REPEAT, MUCH WILL DEPEND UPON DAYAN'S RESPONSES TO OUR TWO QUERIES. EILTS

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